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SUBJECT: ASYLUM CASE OF VERDUGO GONZALAZ AND FAMILY

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT CASE WITH MFA CHILEAN DESK
OFFICER ANFUSO AT LATTER'S REQUEST MARCH 24. MFA INFORMED
BY ITALIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO THAT U.S. DOES NOT INTEND
OFFER GONZALEZ ASYLUM AND DESIRES CONFIRMATION OF FACT.

2. ANFUSO PROVIDED SYNOPSIS OF GONZALEZ CASE DATING FROM
HIS TAKING REFUGE IN THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN 1975 WITH WIFE
AND SON AND OUTLINING ITALY'S UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN RELEASE FROM CHILE FOR FAMILY.

3. ITALIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO NOW ATTEMPTING WORK OUT
COVERT SHIFT OF GONZALEZ FAMILY TO VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN
BELIEF SOUTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CAN DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY
WITH GOC. MFA BELIEVES VENEZUELAN WOULD BE MORE FORTH-
COMING IF THEY UNDERSTOOD GONZALEZ' COULD GO ON TO U.S.
ONCE THEY LEFT CHILE.

4. ACCORDING ANFUSO, ITALIANS PERPLEXED ON THIS
POINT SINCE THEY BELIEVED GONZALEZ' HOLD RESIDENT
ALIEN STATUS. THIS REINFORCED BY ACTIVE AMERICAN
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SUPPORT FOR FAMILY. ANFUSO ALSO STATED GONZALEZ'
SON BORN IN U.S. POSSIBILITY OF FAMILY GOING TO
U.S. IMPORTANT APPARENTLY BECAUSE GONZALEZ IS FORMER
MEMBER OF CHILEAN AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE, AND ORGANIZA-
TIONS AIDING CHILEAN REFUGEES HAVE NO INTEREST IN HIM.
AMFUSO STATED THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, HE BELIEVED IT WOULD
NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR GONZALEZ TO LIVE IN ITALY GIVEN

THE ITALIAN LEFT'S STAND ON CHILE.

5. ANFUSO REQUESTED EMBASSY SEEK CLARIFICATION OF
GONZALEZ FAMILY'S U.S. RESIDENCE STATUS AND, IF THEY
NOT RESIDENT ALIENS, WHETHER WE WOULD BE WILLING GRANT
ASYLUM.GARDNER

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